

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: September 2, 2009 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Sean Cryan
Recorder: Blake Trask
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

September Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

Grace Cruncan, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Sandra Woods, Manager Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT
Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)
Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)
Meeting Presenters (Gina Coffman and Carol McMahan)
Howard Wu, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) Liaison
City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee members
Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Members Present

Craig Benjamin
Ann Boyd
Evan Brown
Allegra Calder
Matthew Crane
Sean Cyran
Gabe Grivalja
Kelsey Jones-Casey
Neal Komendal
Blake Trask
Jean White

Members Absent

Max Hepp-Buchanan

Guests

Sam Woods, SDOT
Gina Coffman, SDOT
Carol McMahan, SDOT
Susan Griffith
Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes:
 - Distributed a Traffic Skills 101 information brochure to meeting attendees.
 - Announced that Seattle Likes Bikes was contacted by a group working on the 12th Ave Streetcar alignment. He noted that the proposed streetcar alignment at 12th between Boren & Yesler area presented a serious safety concern for the bicycling; this input has been submitted to SDOT.
 - Surveyed the SAFECO Field bicycle cage. Noted that no signage outside of the stadium garage exists and the bike cage is unkempt.
 - At the August Critical Mass, The Seattle Police Department (SPD) accompanied cyclists on the ride. He complimented the SPD officers' professionalism.
 - A lawsuit regarding the new Seattle Vulnerable User Law is underway. Cascade is pursuing future legislation.

AROUND THE ROOM INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBAB members, SDOT staff, and meeting guests introduced themselves and provided a more detailed background of their experience and their interest in bicycle issues.

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PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topic: 2010 Sharrow and Bike Lane Project List

Presenter: Gina Coffman and Carol McMahan, SDOT Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development; Traffic Operations Investigation & Implementation (respective divisions).

Purpose: Provide the 2010 selection process and prioritization criteria and seek feedback on the preliminary plan from SBAB.

Findings/ Critical Points:

- SDOT staff now are embarking on their third year of Bicycle Master Plan project prioritization activities. Picking next year's projects is an iterative process based on bicycle facilities completed in prior years.
- The document titled "*Bicycle Project Prioritization Criteria Scoring Guidance*" was referred to as well as the scoring system contained in the guidance criteria. Additional conversation topics about project prioritization included:
 - Safety data is accessed from reported accidents occurring within the city.
 - SDOT staff is assessing the data acquired from the website *Bikewise*, but SDOT is not incorporating it in their analysis yet.
 - Considering bicycle connections beyond the city limits have not been part of the scoring process.
 - Prioritization was not facility-based.
- SDOT staff discussed the 2010 draft project list with SBAB members.

Recommendations:

- Regarding a bike dot installment on Queen Anne, one SBAB member noted that bike dots should not be included in the annual on-street bike facility metrics.
- SBAB members will provide comments and recommendations prior to the October 7, 2009 SBAB meeting. SBAB recommendations will be contained in that transmittal.

Action Item or Follow Up:

- SBAB members will coordinate to meet with Brian Dougherty of SDOT to provide feedback on the 2010 Beacon Hill facility connections (15th Ave corridor).
- Allegra Calder will compile SBAB member comments on the SDOT draft recommendations. The SBAB recommendations will be sent to SDOT for their review.
- In the future, SDOT will work to provide SBAB members with a better understanding of facility-based prioritization for the Bicycle Master Plan.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Topic: 2009 SDOT Bicycle Master Plan Update

Presenter: Gina Coffman, SDOT Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development

Purpose: Provide an update on Bicycle Master Plan implementation and seek feedback on the preliminary plan from SBAB.

Findings/ Critical Points:

- In 2009 over 16 miles of bicycle facilities have been completed and installed, SDOT is currently installing 10 more miles, and 9 miles remain to be installed. 4 miles of the facilities are included as part of SDOT's paving miles.
- SDOT's annual bike count will occur in mid-September. This year the count will focus on downtown locations and will last 2.5 hours during the morning commute.

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Recommendations:

None.

Action Item or Follow Up:

- Gina Coffman will send Sean Cryan an email about volunteering for the September Bicycle Counts and he will distribute it to the Board.

Time: 7:50 p.m.

***Topic:* Closing Thoughts**

Presenter: Sean Cryan, SBAB; additional SBAB members.

Purpose: Provide an updates on Board activities, upcoming Board meetings, and any updates on bicycling-related activities within Seattle.

Findings/ Critical Points:

- Sean Cryan provided an update on the south end of the Ballard Bridge and the recent Tri-Party meeting convened by the SDOT Director. He noted that there was agreement between bicycle, pedestrian, and freight interests regarding both short-term and long-term solutions to this ongoing conflict point for cyclists and automobile drivers.
- SBAB members discussed holding an introductory retreat to provide new SBAB members further background and context about Board activities.
- Craig Benjamin noted he will be serving as a SBAB representative on a 45th St. Corridor project committee. He will continue to report to SBAB on the committee activities in the future.
- New SBAB members discussed information and resources to learn more about bicycling projects and policies in Seattle.

Action Item or Follow Up:

- Sean Cryan provided an update on the South Ballard Bridge and the recent meeting between bicycle, pedestrian, and freight interests regarding both short-term and long-term solutions to this ongoing conflict point.
- Craig Benjamin will report back following the October meeting of the 45th St. Corridor Committee.
- Blake Trask will coordinate with SBAB members about scheduling the introductory retreat.
- Blake Trask will send SBAB members useful links regarding bicycling projects and references produced by the City of Seattle.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Sean Cryan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

*****Next Meeting Wednesday October 7, 2009, 6-8 PM ***
Boards and Commissions Room L280**